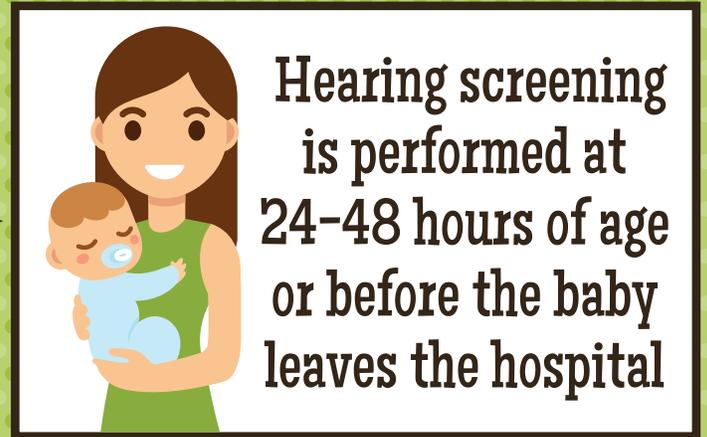
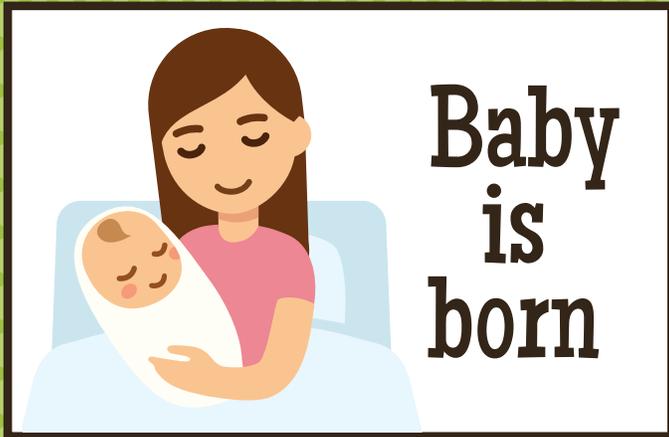


PARENT INFORMATION

Newborn Hearing Screening: What do the results mean?



Ask for your baby's
hearing results
before leaving the
hospital:



PASS
no further testing
required (always
monitor for speech and
language milestones)



**PASS WITH
RISK FACTORS**
further testing
recommended between
9-12 months of age



DID NOT PASS
The hospital should re-screen
your baby one more time or make
you an appointment for a hearing
re-screen (does not mean your
baby has hearing loss)

Did Not Pass:

- Schedule follow-up testing with an audiologist (hearing professional) within 2-3 weeks after you go home from the hospital.
- Ask your baby's doctor to help you find an audiologist or you can visit www.ehdi-pals.org
- Remember that just because a baby may respond to noise does not mean he or she can hear properly

HEALTH PROVIDER INFORMATION

Joint Committee
on Infant
Hearing (JCIH)
recommendations:

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**NEWBORN HEARING
SCREENING**
before ONE month of age

3

**HEARING DIAGNOSTIC
EVALUATION**
before THREE months of age

6

**EARLY
INTERVENTION**
before SIX months of age

- Infants who did not pass an automated auditory brainstem response (AABR) hearing screen must have a repeat AABR for follow-up screening
 - Both ears should be tested with each screening even if only one ear did not pass
 - No more than two valid initial screening attempts should be performed
- For further information, please visit www.jcih.org

NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING FACTS:



Each year,
12,000
infants are born deaf
or hard of hearing.

**HEARING LOSS
is one of the
MOST COMMON
birth defects.**

Newborns should be
screened for hearing
loss **BEFORE LEAVING
THE HOSPITAL.**

If left undetected, a hearing loss can delay
a **CHILD'S SPEECH AND LANGUAGE
DEVELOPMENT**, as well as **THINKING,
LEARNING, and SOCIAL SKILLS.**

Be sure to report findings to the state Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program using the provider reporting form found at <http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/newbornscreening/assets/2018AudiologyReportingForm.pdf>